

The demand is for a restoration of the conditions of coinage which existed previous to the surreptitious dropping of the standard dollar from the coinage in 1873. These conditions were that all the gold and silver presented be accepted at the established ratio of 15.988 to 1, and coined into money. The restoration now demanded means that the Government shall buy silver at that ratio, or at an advance ranging from 25 to 30 per cent above market rates.

If this is not the real purpose of the Bureau which is now at work in this city and which seems to be grabbing newspaper after newspaper, the clatter that is being made is senseless in the extreme. If, on the other hand, it means that the Government shall buy all the silver presented to it at market rates and coin it into money, a position for an inflation on the old greenback basis is before us, with this difference, namely, that the new currency cannot by any possibility go out of sight altogether, in so far as the silver has an intrinsic value of its own that is not shown in rag money. It would call down a shower of silver from all the world that might overwhelm us. There do not seem to be any good grounds for tampering with the national finances. If the arguments that are advanced in that connection were sounder than they are, a movement which secures newspaper after newspaper would be enough to excite suspicion. The same hand is observable all around. The profession is indicated by the call for authority. But there is no authority in this discussion and that which is derived from common sense and a knowledge of the common law. All the questions are novel and must be determined by the lights before us.—S. F. Bulletin.

FREE LOVE.

Every few years the devotees of sensual passion steal a lively of heaven to serve the devil in, and sometimes in one way, sometimes in another, profane the sacred name of love by applying it to practices and doctrines which are only the outcome of fleshly lusts. The history of what is commonly known as "free love" shows many phases, but the fundamental doctrine is always the same, that of the promiscuous and unlicensed congress of the sexes.

The most recent development of the free-love idea is that enunciated by a woman in the East who has attained some celebrity in the ranks of the so-called Christian Science teachers and healers. This woman came divorced herself a few days ago from a man with whom she had been living as a wife, and at once contracted an alliance with another man, the first husband looking calmly on and offering no objections to this summary way of altering matrimonial relations. The woman, however, seems to have deemed it necessary to make something in the nature of an explanation of her conduct, so she has allowed an interview with herself to be published, in which she states her position.

She takes the ground, by way of preface, that thoughtful and refined men and women ought not to be subjected to the same rules as those made to govern the coarse, drunken and vicious. After having thus put herself above the plane of human laws, she goes on to say: "Every man and woman in the world feels there is a relationship which, if it could be found, would satisfy the tenderest and deepest feelings in them; but the larger number of the thoughtful have experienced and observed until their souls have turned sick and have said it is a useless and delusive quest."

This is the old idea of elective affinities in a little different dress. There is nothing new about it, and it is just as nonsensical as it was when it was first launched. But our latest exponent of principles of free love goes on to say: "As marriage now exists there is no wife-love and husband-love. The indefinite, subjective condition called marriage, as enforced by law, is not marriage, but bondage; that marriage, as regulated by law, is a wicked perversion of the divine purpose, there is no doubt."

So the question raised by Mona Caird is decided. Marriage is not only a failure, but, according to this woman, "a wicked perversion of the divine purpose." By this she means, judging from her state of quasi-conjugal union until one of the parties finds a new affinity, and then to dissolve the union and form a different one, and this to be repeated every year, or every month, if either party is so inclined.

The argument is without force or validity, whether it be considered from a social or moral, or even purely physical point of view. The experience of centuries of civilisation flatly negatives the propositions on which the doctrines of free love are based. The weakness of the position is shown by the necessity for the declaration that thoughtful and refined men and women should not be governed by general laws. It was requisite to this woman that she should put herself outside the reign of law, and this she attempts to do by soaring above the heads of the common people and rising into a purer and more ethereal atmosphere.

And yet the commonsense of mankind teaches them that the estate of matrimony is an honorable one, and history teaches that the great nations of the world are the monogamic nations. All marriages are not happy, it is true, but the average of happiness in a country or community would not be higher if the doctrine of free love should prevail. One is tempted by an intelligent, moral and virtuous town or city; the other, by such a sink of iniquity and vice as the Onida Community.—S. F. Chronicle.

To-day's Advertisements.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that TUESDAY NEXT, the 22nd instant (8th Moon 26th day) being the BIRTHDAY of HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR OF CHINA, will be observed as a HOLIDAY at the Kowloon Customs and Stations. All Examination of Cargo and clearing of Junks will be suspended on that date.

F. A. MORGAN,
Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon and District.

CUSTOM HOUSE,
Kowloon, 18th July, 1889. [901]

THE CHINESE AMUSEMENTS SYNDICATE LIMITED.

THE Syndicate invites TENDERS for the RENTAL of a REFRESHMENT BOOTH at their grounds at Bowington, which will be opened to the public in a few weeks. They also invite Tenders for a certain number of Stalls which are to let.

The Booth and Stalls will be confined to a certain portion of the grounds, and will be erected at the cost of the persons whose tenders are accepted.

Applicants so tendering will please say what rental per month they are prepared to pay, and those applying for Stalls will please state for what purposes they are required.

Tenders to be sent in marked "Tender for Booth" or "Tender for Stalls," as the case may be, not later than the 24th instant, to the undersigned.

J. A. BARRETTO,
Secretary.

2, D'Agular Street,
Hongkong, 19th July, 1889. [908]

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

TO-MORROW EVENING,
the 20th July, 1889.

POSITIVELY THE LAST NIGHT.

THURSDAY EVENING,

THE WANDERERS.

Assisted by Signor CATTANEO and other talented Professional and Amateur Gentlemen, will give a Second (and final) DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL PERFORMANCE.

For the benefit of the highly gifted vocalist and comedienne, Mrs. AUSTIN POWER. Whose remarkable compass of voice and cultivated style have won for her golden opinions from Press and Public in all parts of the world. The *Weekly Times* says of her:—"She has a pure soprano voice of sympathetic quality and astonishing compass, and has the gift—so rare—of executing a really perfect shake." The Programme will include "GEO. M. FOX'S delightful Anglo-Irish Comedy the 'PRIDE OF KERRY'." (In which "the POWERS" will sustain their original characters, played by them over 500 times).

Captain Vereker Mr. D. DURAND.
Squire Patrick O'Connor Mr. AUSTIN POWER.
Katie O'Hara (with songs) Mrs. AUSTIN POWER.
(The *Evening Mail* says:—"This is really a high class little comedy; nicely written, well mounted, well dressed, well played, and without a touch of vulgarity.")

Doors open at 8.30. Commence at 9.
Front Seats (Fins pay 10/-) 2/-
Second Seats 1/-
Third Seats 0.50
Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform half-price to second and third seats.

Plan at Mr. KELLY & WALSH'S,
Hongkong, 19th July, 1889. [903]

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

TUESDAY & THURSDAY,
the 23rd and 25th July, 1889.

AMY SHERWIN

supported by
Miss MINNA FISCHER,
Mr. GEO. CLUTSAM,
and the kind assistance of
LADY & GENTLEMEN AMATEURS,

will give
TWO GRAND FAREWELL
ENTERTAINMENTS.

On the above dates, prior to her departure for London.
Box Plan now open at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S.

HUGO GORLITZ,
Manager.

Hongkong, 19th July, 1889. [902]

STEAM TO MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Steamship

"NANZING"

Captain Thomson, will be despatched as above, on MONDAY, the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th July, 1889. [901]

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE Company's Steamship

"PHRA CHULA CHOM KLAO,"

Captain A. Benson, will be despatched from the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 23rd inst., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
YUEN FAT HONG,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th July, 1889. [904]

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(PASSING THROUGH THE INLAND SEA.)

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"ANCONA"

will leave for the above places on TUESDAY, the 30th July, at DAYLIGHT.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th July, 1889. [903]

STEAM TO STRAITS AND BOMBAY.

Calling at COLOMBO if sufficient inducement offers.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"TEHERAN"

will leave for the above places, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th July, at NOON.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th July, 1889. [906]

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"THAMES"

will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the outward English Mail.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th July, 1889. [907]

STEAM TO LONDON, DIRECT, Calling at intermediate Ports.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"HONGKONG"

will leave for the above places on or about FRIDAY, the 2nd August, at NOON. This vessel is disconnected from the Mail services, but has excellent accommodation for through passengers (First Saloon only) at reduced rates. Electric Light, Deck cabins, Surgeon carried, &c.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION,
No. 311.

WANTED A SECOND BOARDING OFFICER for the Harbour Department. Salary, \$1,350 per annum and Quarters. Knowledge of Seamanship required. Applications, with testimonials, to be sent to the Harbour Master before FRIDAY, the 26th instant, at NOON.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 12th July, 1889. [878]

LOST.

A FOX TERRIER BITCH, answers to the name of "SPOT," anyone finding and returning the same to J. FRANCIS WEHNER, Stanley Street, will be rewarded if necessary.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1889. [39]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN ENGLISH CLERK, about 25 years of age, is required for the Office of the Company. Written applications for the appointment, accompanied with references, will be received by the undersigned until the 31st instant.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th July, 1889. [885]

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of the Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on TUESDAY, the 30th July, 1889, at 4 P.M.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 30th July, 1889, both days inclusive.

By Order,

A. G. GORDON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1889. [812]

THE EAST BORNEO PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the CALL of \$15 (FIFTEEN DOLLARS) A SHARE, due prior to the 28th February last, is now being made, and SHAREHOLDERS are requested to pay to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on or before the 16th day of August next, the amount due from them.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 15th July, 1889. [889]

THE SONGEI KOVAH PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with the Articles of Association and Prospectus of the above Company, SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that a CALL of \$15 (FIFTEEN DOLLARS) A SHARE, is payable to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on or before the 16th day of August next.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th July, 1889. [890]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN accordance with the Provisions of No. 104 of the Articles of Association the General Managers hereby give this day declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND for the Half-Year ended 30th ult. of 7 per cent. on the paid up Capital.

Dividend Warrants payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION will be issued to Shareholders on the 2nd proximo.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th instant to the 2nd proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th July, 1889. [896]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an INTERIM DIVIDEND of TWO AND A HALF DOLLARS per Share will be payable to those Persons who are Registered Shareholders on 22nd July, 1889.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd to 29th July, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong 3rd July, 1889. [831]

HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Balance of FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50), due on each Share is now being Called up, and Shareholders are requested to pay the same to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on or before the 31st day of July instant.

Any Calls remaining unpaid after that date will be charged INTEREST at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, in accordance with the Articles of Association.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th July, 1889. [848]

THE SELAMA TIN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above named Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 23rd July, 1889, at 4 O'CLOCK P.M.

By Order of the Directors,

ALEX. LEVY,
Secretary (pro. tem).

Hongkong, 11th July, 1889. [871]

NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

A DIVIDEND for the Half-year ending 31st March has been declared at the rate of 6 1/2 per cent. annum. Coupons attached to gold share warrants may be cashed and dividends on silver share warrants issued locally will be paid on and after 15th July at the Hongkong Branch Office.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th July, 1889. [846]

Intimations.

THE CHINESE AMUSEMENTS SYNDICATE, LIMITED.

DISPOSAL OF UNALLOTTED SHARES.

NOTICE is hereby given that 270 Unallotted Shares of \$50 each are offered for public subscription upon the following conditions:—

The Company shall be at liberty to refuse any application.

All applications to be accompanied by a cheque equal in amount to \$2, for each Share applied for, the amount on allotment being \$23, per Share.

Applications to be addressed to the Secretary of the Company, Mr. J. A. BARRETTO, at No. 2, D'Agular Street, and sent in not later than ONE O'CLOCK TO-MORROW, the 20th instant.

Applications to be made on printed forms which can be obtained from the Secretary, and when sent in must be sealed and marked "Tender for Shares."

The Company has rented lots 496 and 497 from the Government for 6 months at \$27 per month, and the same are now being properly enclosed. They have also made arrangements by which they hope to have the place open for the amusement of the public generally in a very short time.

If no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full.

ARTHUR B. RODDY,
Solicitor for the Syndicate.

Hongkong, 16th July 1889. [888]

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 5, Stanley Street, Victoria, Hongkong, TO-MORROW, the 20th day of July instant, at 3 O'CLOCK P.M., when the following Special Resolutions will be proposed, viz:—

1.—That the Capital of the Company be increased to the sum of \$100,000 by the issue of 7,000 NEW SHARES of \$10 each, and that the Memorandum of Association be altered accordingly.

2.—That of the said 7,000 New Shares, 3,000 be offered to the Persons who, on the 14th day of August, 1889, shall be registered Shareholders of the Company, in the proportion of one New Share for each old Share held by them, and such offer shall be made by notice specifying the number of New Shares which each of such registered Shareholders shall be entitled to take up, and limiting a time, within which such offer is to be accepted, and such acceptance shall be made by letter addressed to the Secretary of the Company and by the payment to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION of the sum of \$5 in respect of each new share applied for. The notice shall also state that if such offer be not accepted in manner aforesaid the same shall be deemed to be declined and all such shares (if any) as are declined, together with the remaining 4,000 shares, shall be offered to the Public (including shareholders) in such manner and at such times and on such conditions as the Board may determine.

3.—That Article No. VI, Subsection 1, of the Company's Articles of Association be altered by inserting therein in lieu of the figures "\$30,000," the figures "\$100,000" and in lieu of the figures "3,000" the figures "10,000."

By Order of the Board,

E. W. MAITLAND,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th July, 1889. [847]

THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

DISPOSAL OF UNALLOTTED SHARES.

NOTICE is hereby given that 1,144 unallotted shares of \$50 each in the above Company, numbered from 1887 to 2000, both numbers inclusive, are offered for public Tender upon the following condition:—

The Company shall not be bound to accept the highest or any Tender.

The above shares will not be entitled to participate in any Dividend that may be declared on the working year ended 30th June, 1889, but subsequent to declaration of such Dividend, will rank as ordinary shares in the Company, carrying the same Dividends.

All Tenders to be accompanied by a cheque equal in amount to \$10 for each share applied for.

Tenders to be addressed to the General Managers of the Company and sent into the Office of the Company not later than 4 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, the 7th day of August, when they will be opened. Applications to be made on printed Forms which can be obtained from the General Managers, and when sent in must be sealed and marked outside "Tender for Company's Shares."

Deposits of money will be returned to him in full, without interest, where the number of Shares allotted to any applicant is less than the number applied for by him, the surplus of Deposit Money will be credited in reduction of the balance payable on his allotment.

The general principle will be followed of allotment pro rata to highest Tenders.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th July, 1889. [883]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Forty-sixth Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 3rd August, at THREE O'CLOCK in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

And notice is hereby further given that the Company will be held at the same Office, on the same day at 3.15 O'CLOCK P.M. when the following special resolutions will be proposed, viz:—

1.—That the Company may from time to time reduce its Capital.

2.—That the words "Four Thousand Shares" be eliminated from Article No. 20 of the present Articles of Association, and that in lieu thereof there be inserted the words "Eight Thousand Shares."

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st instant to 3rd August, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th July, 1889. [877]

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG MARINA, LIMITED.

THE SHARE LIST WILL CLOSE ON THURSDAY NEXT, AT 3 P.M.

THE future favorite resort of the community.

The future health resort of Hongkong.

Open air swimming bath.

Cool in Summer, warm in Winter.

Probable head quarters for Regattas.

No harbour dues.

Will be ready by next hot season.

See opinion of Dr. GANTLIE.

In answer to numerous enquiries as to whether the Marina can be insured against marine risks, it may be stated that several offices in the Colony have been questioned on the point with the result that, provided certain conditions as regards construction are complied with, there will be no difficulty in effecting such insurance.

For full Prospectus and form of application for Shares apply to the Company's Offices or the Bankers, the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

OFFICE, 2, D'AGULAR STREET.
Hongkong, 19th July, 1889. [837]

NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS against the British Steamship, "CARISBROOK" must be sent in to the Undersigned on or before TO-MORROW, the 20th instant, or they will not be recognised.

MORRIS & RAY,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1889. [876]

